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1. AUSTRALIANS (ROB ELDER, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT) INDICATE THEY VERY MUCH WANT TO BEGIN CONSULTATIONS WITH U.S. ON JULY 10. HOWEVER, NEGOTIATING TEAM HEADED BY JOHN ROWLAND, FIRST ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF INTERNATIONAL POLICY DIVISION, HAS NOT YET RETURNED FROM NEGOTIATIONS IN ENGLAND, AND ELDER STATES THAT UNTIL TEAM'S RETURN HE IS UNABLE TO FINALLY CONFIRM JULY 10 DATE. ELDER EXPRESSED HIS APOLOGIES FOR BEING UNABLE TO GIVE MORE THAN AN INTERIM REPLY AT THIS TIME AND INDICATED HIS APPRECIATION OF THE POLITICAL PRESSURES FOR DISCUSSIONS ON SCHEDULE. HE INDICATED THAT TEAM IS EXPECTED TO RETURN NEXT WEEK AND THAT HE WILL CONTACT EMBASSY AT THAT TIME WITH CONCLUSIVE RESPONSE.

2. WITH RESPECT TO AGENDA OF DISCUSSIONS, CONGEN SYDNEY HAS BEEN ADVISED BY PAN AMERICAN THAT SUBJECT OF CAB WAIVERS FOR NEXT YEAR'S POW-WOW PARTICIPANTS MAY BE RAISED BY GOA. GOA REPORTEDLY LOOKS ON GOVERNMENT-ORDERED TRANSPORTATION AS APPROPRIATE ONLY FOR COMPELLING HUMANITARIAN REASONS, OR IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CASES OF CLEAR NATIONAL INTEREST. TOURISM IS NOT CONSIDERED TO FIT EITHER OF THESE CATEGORIES, WITH GOA REPORTEDLY FEELING THAT TRAVEL AGENTS SHOULD GO TO POW WOW UNDER IATA ARRANGEMENTS. IATA REGULATIONS PROVIDE FOR DISCOUNT TRAVEL BY RETAILERS BUT NOT BY WHOLESALERS, THUS LEAVING OUT SEVERAL POW WOW PARTICIPANTS.

3. NOT WISHING TO INADVERTENTLY ENCOURAGE GOA TO RAISE THE
SUBJECT, EMBASSY HAS INTENTIONALLY REFRAINED FROM ATTEMPTING
TO CONFIRM THIS REPORT WITH GOA.
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